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My name is Jed Simpson, I am an owner of Simpson Farm Enterprises Inc. My business sells self-propelled sprayers for agricultural use. Simpson Farm Enterprises sells over 100 new sprayers a year, and close to that number in used sprayers also. Eighty-five percent or more of the sprayers we sell have some sort of GPS technology on board, which run autosteer and autoboom shuttoffs. The products I sell will be useless, without being able to use this type of technology. The customers that have bought these sprayers, paid significant dollars to have and use this type of technology. I am all for new technology and broadband internet, but as the president of AOPA (Craig Fuller) has told you once, this is a toxic drug and it needs pulled from the market!

I am also a general aviation pilot. The airplane I fly is equipped with not one, but two GPS units. There are not a lot of instrument approaches in rural western Kansas. GPS approaches have been implemented by the FAA in this area. My question to you is are these approaches going to be useless if the Lightsquared project continues? I can only imagine how many dollars have been used to get the GPS approaches installed and now we have a possibility of the FCC letting them all be useless.

I receive emails and publication daily from agricultural and aviation businesses. It is very apparent that the Lightsquared project needs to be researched more before bringing it online and shutting GPS technologies down. As a tax payer I suggest listening to all of us that have given you negative feedback on this subject. Thank you for your time.

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